

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3975 - SB 3939

March 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a 17-member Professional Standards Commission to work under the oversight of the State Board of Education to assume all functions and duties relative to the licensure of public school teachers. Creates an appeals council to be appointed by the State Board of Education to hear appeals from determinations of the Professional Standards Commission. Sets the fee for issuance of an initial teaching license in this state at \$200, and the fee for renewal of such license at \$50.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$2,250,000 FY07-08

Other Fiscal Impact - If the Office of Teacher Licensure were relocated from the administration of the Department of Education to the State Board of Education (SBE), there would be a shift of approximately \$1,100,000 in funding, personnel and other expenditures from the Department of Education to the SBE.

Assumptions:

- If the Office of Teacher Licensure is transferred to the SBE, approximately \$1,100,000 in state funding would be transferred.
- The bill provides for a \$200 fee charged for the issuance of an initial teaching license and a \$50 fee for a renewal of a teaching license.
- If 5,000 new teachers contributed a \$200 fee annually for issuance of a license and approximately 25,000 existing teachers contributed a \$50 fee for a renewal license, approximately \$2,250,000 in revenue could be generated.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director